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# The Elba Clipper

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## Elba man charged with chemical endangerment of a child following arrest by Elba Police officers

An Elba man is in jail facing chemical endangerment of a child charges after being arrested Thursday, April 6, by Elba Police.

According to Alabama Code, a suspect can be charged with chemical endangerment of a child if a child is believed to be exposed to an environment in which controlled substances are produced or distributed. The charge is considered a 'Class C' felony.

John Wilkerson III, age 33, of Elba was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 6:23 p.m. last Thursday on one count of chemical endangerment of a child. His bond was set at \$15,000, and he remained in jail as of press time this week.

Two Elba women were arrested last Saturday on drug-related charges. They



John Wilkerson III

were Katie Thacker, age 48, of Elba, and Jessica Warren, age 38, of Elba.

Jail reports indicate that Elba Police arrested Thacker early Saturday morning, April 8, as she was booked into the county jail at 4:08 a.m. Her charges included possession of a controlled substance [\$5,000 bond], possession of marijuana - 2nd degree [\$3,000 bond], and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$1,500 bond]. Thacker also was charged with harassment.

She was released on bond at 7:45 p.m. last Saturday night.



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## Press release from solar power company seemingly announces plans to locate in Elba, but local officials say press release includes some inaccuracies

Another business reportedly is looking to invest heavily in industrial development in Elba and while local officials are keeping things close to the vest, as is customary, a news release issued last week - reported to be from the company - is announcing the deal in Elba is virtually done. However, that may not be entirely accurate.

The holding company has formed a subsidiary, "Elba Power Corp" and last week's news release indicates Elba Power Corp had "executed its contract to purchase the \$2.95 million property in Elba, AL...". The plant, if it becomes a reality, would be a solar manufacturing plant.

"This will allow us to expand and grow our vision to build a 1.20 W solar products manufacturing and clean power generating plant," CEO Nicholas Campanella is quoted in the recent news release on <GlobeNewswire.com>.

In response to that new release, the Wiregrass Economic Development Corporation and City of Elba have issued statements indicating the company has "issued a press release that unfortunately has significant errors in it."

The news release indicates the state has approved an inducement resolution for \$50 million dollars and a 100% tax abatement of sales and use tax that will save the company millions. However, Wiregrass Economic Development officials estimate the proposed tax abatement would be worth "\$434,700, not millions of dollars." That value is based on an investment in the project of \$19,100,000.

Also, the State of Alabama has apparently made no "inducement resolution" at this time, at least not formally.

Both the City of Elba and Wiregrass Economic Development are working closely with state officials to make this project work. Comments from both the City and Wiregrass indicate they remain eager to work with Elba Power officials to make a significant investment in Elba and appreciate the continued interest in the Elba community and will do all within their power to help make the venture a huge success.

## Coffee County BOE approves multiple personnel matters during board meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday evening, April 6, and during the meeting, several personnel matters were approved by board members.

The personnel recommendations came from Superintendent Kelly Cobb. Following her recommendation, the board voted unanimously to approve the matters.

Certificated personnel matters approved by the board included:

- **Resignations** - Sasha Jarrell, teacher at Kinston School, effective at the end of the current school year; Lauren Hutto, teacher at New Brockton Middle School, effective April 20<sup>th</sup>; Lori Granger, teacher at New Brockton Elementary School, effective at the end of the current school year; Lloyd Evan Harvin,

teacher at New Brockton Elementary School, effective at the end of the school year; Misty Wambles,

teacher at New Brockton Elementary School, effective at the end of the current school year; Tyler Reeves,

teacher at New Brockton High School, effective at the end of the current school year; Molly Burt, teacher at New Brockton High School, effective at the end of the current school year; Haley Sanders, teacher at Zion Chapel School, effective at the end of the current school year; Courtney Day, teacher at Zion Chapel School, effective at the end of the current school year; and Rebecca Garner, teacher at Zion Chapel School, effective at the end of the current school year.

- **Retirement** - Sherri Weeks, teacher at Kinston School, effective June 1, 2023.
- **Non-Renewals** - Nichole Capps, teacher at Zion Chapel Elementary School, effective at the end of the current school year; and Bethany Tracy, district-

wide Speech Language Pathologist, effective at the end of the school year.

- **Employments** - Presley Bracke, teacher at Kinston School for the 2023-2024 school year; Aundrea McLendon, teacher at Zion Chapel School for the 2023-2024 school year; Ashlee Phillips, teacher at Zion Chapel School for the 2023-2024 school year; Whitney Barnett, teacher at New Brockton High School for the 2023-2024 school year; Jason Barnett, teacher/coach at New Brockton High School, effective April 10, 2023; Jackie Crane, teacher at New Brockton High School for the 2023-2024 school year; Marlee Boswell, teacher at New Brockton Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year; Cerralee Edmondson, teacher at New Brockton Elementary School for the 2023-2024 school year; Emily Cromer, physical education teacher at New Brockton Elementary

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## Free workshop from Coffee County Extension Service being offered

The Coffee County Extension office will host a Backyard Insects and Wildlife Workshop on Wednesday, April 26, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon at the Coffee County Extension office in New Brockton, Ala. The meeting is free to attend, and everyone is welcome.

This workshop will focus on controlling nuisance wildlife and mitigating wildlife damage in the backyard. Topics covered include fire ants and control, lawn and garden insects, and managing wildlife for homeowners.

Register to attend by calling the Coffee County Extension office at 334-894-5596.

## Elba Public Library to host April 17th meeting for new mural project ideas

The Elba Public Library, in partnership with the Auburn University Department of Art & Art History, the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities, and Restoration 154, will host a planning meeting Monday, April 17, for a new mural project. The meeting will be from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Elba Public Library, located at 406 Simmons St. in downtown Elba.

The new mural, measuring 16 x 7 feet, will be drawn by Professor Wendy Deschene this summer and painted during the fall semester by undergraduate art students at Auburn University. The community is invited to attend the meeting and participate in

the planning process. The mural will be located in the library's meeting room.

During the meeting, attendees will have the opportunity to discuss the project and share ideas for what the mural should convey for the city of Elba. Participants are encouraged to consider themes, historic figures or events, symbols, colors, images, and stories they want to be featured in the mural. Images from archives or personal collections are also welcome.

To view murals from past projects, visit <https://www.wendydeschene.ca/murals>.

For more information about the meeting or the mural project, contact the Elba Public Library at 334-897-6921.

## Area Happenings

**Coffee County Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns will hold sales** next week on unpaid property taxes within Coffee County. The sale in Enterprise will be Monday, April 17, and in Elba the sale will be Tuesday, April 18, 2023. Both sales are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. at the respective courthouses. Each piece of real estate will be sold separately and to the highest bidder for cash.

**The Coffee County Relay for Life** will hold the annual Survivor Dinner on Monday, April 17, from 6-8 p.m. Call 334-372-5865 for information. Also, the annual Relay for Life Walk will be Friday, April 21, from 6 to 10 p.m. at Bates Memorial Stadium in Enterprise, Ala.

**Eggs & Issues - Breakfast with the Chamber** will be Friday, April 21, at 7:30 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall of Elba First Baptist Church. Featured speakers will be Senator Josh Camley and Representative Rhett Marques. Cost is \$12 for breakfast. Call the Elba Chamber for tickets or more information [334-790-9081].

**Coffee County Conservation District members** will hold their monthly board meeting Thursday, April 27, at the Coffee County Extension Office, 1055 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala., beginning at 9 a.m. The room is limited to the number of people that can be in the room so those planning to attend should call 334-894-5581 x3.

**The April 2023 meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 92**, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be held Thursday, April 27, at 6 p.m., in the New Brockton Senior Center, New Brockton, Ala. The meal and fellowship will begin at 6, followed by the business meeting at 7 p.m. For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.



Monday night, April 10, at Air Force One Masonic Lodge #889, Reagan JonAshley Amison (left) recited his Master Mason Lesson and was given a lapel pin of proficiency from the Grand Lodge of Alabama. Brother Eddie Kelley (right) gave Amison a Mason Watch for turning in his lesson. Attending this event and representing the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 were Mike Amison, JonAshley's father; Kenneth Neil Amison, JonAshley's brother; Eddie Kelley and Harry Young.

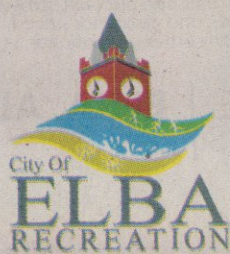
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## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

*"To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research."* – Steven Wright

We experienced another birthday last week. With social media joining the phone call folks and those who stopped us on the streets, or in two cases, knocked on the door at home to wish us a Happy Birthday, we had an alarming number of well wishers. Our original goal was to respond to each and every one with a personal "customized" thank you, but with the awesome number of folks with either genuine happiness or amazement that after 85 years we are still ticking, it was soon obvious that it was an impossible task. The social media folks had our phone dingling before daylight that Tuesday morning and those dings were still dropping in on into the weekend. Those of you who reached out with anything from a "HB" to wordy strings of flattering words, we offer our humble thanks. It was much more than we ever expected – or deserved.

A news bulletin Tuesday of this week revealed the political battles in Washington D. C. between the two major political parties is far from over. Lawsuits were filed this week against the Republicans (either the party or elected officials) – we are not sure which – for interfering with the investigations involving former President Donald Trump.

Easter Sunday was not a sunny day in South Alabama. The rains destroyed the plans for long anticipated Easter Egg Hunts by thousands of children (and more than a few adults who enjoy watching the excited children find the often not-so-well-hidden eggs). Some church groups put out the word that they have a thousands of eggs and urged people to come by and get them "just drive by and we will hand you a batch of eggs." Others are trying to figure out a way to still hold the egg hunts. We are on the side of this latter group!

Our quote for this week deals with writers and plagiarism. Having just finished a great book on Abe Lincoln, we look at that quote and at the references at the back of this book on where a particular quote came from. That must mean that our writer didn't plagiarize because he gave proper credit to the original writers! That book took lots of research and we respect the writer's efforts to be accurate by documenting exactly where a certain quote or incident was first reported. However we didn't read a single one of his footnotes. He is highly respected and we trusted him and just accepted his writing as the gospel.

Elba officials are working with another firm interested in investing big money in the local economy. However, recent news releases from somewhere have – well – exaggerated the progress being made. In other words some of the statements in the release appear to be misleading, either on purpose or accidentally. Anyway we hope this industry or the next interested group is successful in putting together a package with Elba officials that will "fly" with the money lenders and investors.

Be safe, wear your mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or boosters (the newest one)!

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, April 4, 2023, and Monday, April 10, 2023, conducted the following activity:

**Tuesday, Apr. 4** – Animal complaint reported at Roosevelt and Martin Luther King drives – w/impound (8:44 a.m.); Drug activity reported at 915 Simmons St (9:09 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 406 Moore Ave (9:28 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1456 Smith Ave – w/warning issued (12:01 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 595 Collier St (12:53 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 777 N Claxton Ave – w/citation issued (3:21 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1667 Reese Ave (9:40 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in two citations, two written warnings, and two verbal warnings.

**Wednesday, Apr. 5** – Abandoned vehicle reported at 911 Farris Ave (12:56 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1028 Martin Luther King Dr (1:54 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Martin Luther King Dr (8:54 a.m.); Report of shots fired at 1116 Caroline St (12:12 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 469 N Claxton Ave (12:33 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 125 (12:42 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 839 Troy Hwy (1:16 p.m.); Missing person reported at 775 N Claxton Ave (5:11 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 882 Forest Ave (6:06 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 435 Reese Ave (6:53 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in three verbal warnings, one citation, one written warning, and one report.

**Thursday, Apr. 6** – Animal complaint reported at 1026 Caroline St (8:55 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (4:47 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 638 N Claxton Ave (5:48 p.m.). Nine traffic stops resulted in four citations, one investigative stop, one written warning, one verbal warning, and two arrests.

**Friday, Apr. 7** – Suspicious person reported at 595 Collier St (12:54 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 429 N Claxton Ave (1:03 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Adams St (9:05 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1013 Hickman Ave (10:10 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1340 Forest Lake Dr (11:40 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 822 Roosevelt Dr (12:06 p.m.); Stolen vehicle reported at 4460 Hwy 189, Kinston (6:22 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported on Hwy 167 – w/arrest (9:20 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1229 Caroline St (10:57 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 529 N Claxton Ave (11:51 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in three verbal warnings, three citations, and two written warnings.

**Saturday, Apr. 8** – Report of shots fired on Reynolds Ave (12:16 a.m.); Prowler reported on Farris Ave (1:35 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 885

Forest Ave – w/arrest (3:20 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 638 N Claxton Ave (9:57 a.m.); Noise complaint reported on Reynolds Ave (8:54 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 325 Brunson Circle (9:14 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one arrest, one advice given, and one citation.

**Sunday, Apr. 9** – Grass fire reported at 220 County Rd 401 (6:32 a.m.); Stolen vehicle reported at 4460 Hwy 189, Kinston (10:55 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1425 Martin Luther King Dr (1:14 p.m.); Reckless driver reported at 26332 Hwy 189 – w/warning issued (8:25 p.m.); Smoke/Odor investigation on E Davis St (10:19 p.m.); Noise complaint reported at 1012 Elm Ave (10:58 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, three citations, and one written warning.

**Monday, Apr. 10** – Animal complaint reported at 1058 Morrow Ave – w/impound (8:32 a.m.); Abandoned vehicle reported at 329 Putnam St (9:08 a.m.); Animal complaint reported in area of Lee St and Martin Luther King Dr – w/impound (11:06 a.m.); Animal complaint at 243 Old Samson Rd (11:55 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 740 West St (1:24 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1018 Martin Luther King Dr (1:44 p.m.); Abandoned vehicle reported on the Troy Hwy (2:28 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 516 Adkinson Ave – w/arrest (2:37 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 740 West St (2:49 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 181 Virgil Coleman Dr (8:59 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one written warning, and one verbal warning.

"Tales from Yonder" will return next week!



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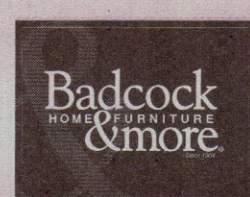
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**RESIDENT OF THE MONTH...**Serenity South (formerly Taylor Mill Oaks) in Elba has named Dan Jacobs as the Resident of the Month. Jacobs was born and raised in Elba. As a young man he served in the U. S. Army. He is the middle of five children and is the father of two adult boys. His favorite color is forest green, and his favorite place to visit is Washington D. C. Golf is his very favorite sport, and he loves the Auburn Tigers. Jacobs enjoys reminiscing with friends and tell the younger generations about the past. The Serenity South 'Family' enjoys having Dan Jacobs as a resident.

**RWCC to meet Wednesday, April 19**

The Republican Women of Coffee County will meet Wednesday, April 19, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club, 3000 Ozark Highway. The guest speakers will be Alabama Court of Civil Appeals Judge Matt Friday and Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals Judges Richard Minor and Chris McCool. Social time begins at 11 a.m.; an optional \$12 buffet begins at 11:30; and the program begins at approximately 12 noon. Everyone is invited, but reservations are required. Contact Shannon no later than April 16 to RSVP at 334-494-2753 or rwccreservations@gmail.com

**Annual Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show set for May 6 in Elba**

The Annual Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show will be held Saturday, May 6, in historic downtown Elba, Ala., as part of the 2023 Rockin' the River event. The car show will be from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. In case of rain, it will be rescheduled for May 13th. There is no admission charge to come check out all the different cars and trucks as there will be numerous makes and models on display. Multiple trophies will be awarded to the car show participants. Also, the day's events will include live music, food trucks, and vendors. For more information about the Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show, contact Kenneth Calhoun at (334) 313-5505 or register online at [www.rockinthenverelba.com](http://www.rockinthenverelba.com) [or register the day of the event on site]. The car show is sponsored by the Foggy Bottom Cruisers, a local club for car enthusiasts.

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School for the 2023-2024 school year; and Gracie Coppage, teacher at New Brockton Elementary School for the 2023-2024 school year.

- **Transfers** – Christopher Littleton, TEAMS Math Teacher at New Brockton Middle School to TEAMS Math Teacher at Kinston School for the 2023-2024 school year; Heartlee Sanders, teacher at New Brockton High School to teacher at New Brockton Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year; and Jessie Grant, librarian at New Brockton Elementary School to teacher at Zion Chapel School for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Classified personnel matters approved included:
- **Retirements** – Sue Holmes, custodian at Kinston School, effective June 1, 2023; and Sandra Moore, CNP worker at Kinston School, effective June 1, 2023.
- **Leave Request** – Donna Mannherz, bus driver for Coffee County Schools, approved for catastrophic

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**JUDY KAY NORRIS**

Mrs. Judy Kay Norris, age 76, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, April 7, 2023, at her home.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 10, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Garry Winstead officiating. Burial services followed in the Peaceful Acres Memorial Gardens cemetery.

Mrs. Norris was preceded in death by her husband - Delmar Ray Norris, father - Troy Vesta Rogers, mother - Vonnie Mae Rogers, sisters- Faye Wyatt and Bonnie Graves, and brother - Jimmy Rogers.

Survivors include her daughter: Kimberly (Tim Hudson) Lusher, Elba; son: Patrick Norris, Opp, Ala.; grandsons: Aaron (Seven) Norris, Ozark, Ala.; Troy Funk, Birmingham, Ala., and Trey Funk, Elba; granddaughters: Brooklyn Norris, Elba, Christen Norris, Auburn, Ala.; great-granddaughter: Nora Kate Norris, Ozark; sisters: Patsy Reeves, Sumter, S.C., and Annie Wollschlager, Pensacola, Fla.; and niece: Christine Zoghby, Daphne, Ala.

**RUBY TILLIS**

Ms. Ruby Tillis, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, April 3, 2023.

Funeral services were held Sunday, April 9, 2023, at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church with Coleman Funeral Home and Crematory of Elba directing.

Mrs. Tillis was born September 29, 1936, to the late William and Daisy (Perdue) Daniels in Florida.

Ala. She was a faithful member of Bethlehem Baptist Church until her death where she served as the Youth Sunday School Teacher for over 40 years and was a member of the Missionary Ministry and Pastor's Aide Club. Ruby was employed at Covington Industries for 33 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward 'Ed' Tillis; parents, William and Daisy Daniels; five sisters, Trudy Lee Jones, Eula Mae Daniels, Mary Eliza Jenkins, Daisy Lou Daniels, and Lillie Beatrice Rodgers; one brother, James William Daniels; and a grandson, James Blain Jr.

Survivors include two daughters: Ruby Delores (James) Blain, Opp, Ala., and Cynthia E. Tillis, Smyrna, Ga.; one son: Edward Jonathan (Linda) Tillis, Kinston, Ala.; one granddaughter: Tameeka Jivon Tillis; two great-granddaughters: Ty' Andrea Zariah Tillis and Tamiah Danielle Tillis; three sisters-in-law: Sara (A.Z.) Stoudemire, Willard Dean (Franklin) Flowers, Sarah Nell Stephens; three brothers-in-law: Willie C. Tillis, Charlie B. (Dorothy) Tillis, Laythron (Ethel Mae) Tillis; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

**ERIC NEWSON**

Mr. Eric Newson, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at Enterprise Medical Center.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 7, 2023, at Coleman Funeral Home and Crematory Chapel with Coleman Funeral Home and Crematory of Elba directing.

Eric was born July 5, 1970 to Wille Edward Newson and the late Shirley Newson. He attended the New Philadelphia C.O.G.I.C.

Eric was preceded in death by his mother, Shirley Newson, and an infant brother, Fredrick.

Survivors include his wife: Melanie Newson; son: Raheem (Tiffany) Newson, Ozark, Ala.; stepdaughter: Leanna; one grandson:

Zyair; his father: Willie E. Newson, Elba; two sisters: Diane (Lorenzo), Troy Ala., and Amanda, Enterprise Ala.; two brothers: Toney (Teresa), Elba, and Enorise (Cassandra), Middleburg, Fla.; one niece: Shakiera; seven nephews: Keanthony (Janiya), Jaelyn, Kamari, Kyri, Courtney; and two great nephews: Kaden Smith and Kylo Newson; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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**Bereaved Spouses Awareness Month**

Losing a loved one is never easy but losing a spouse or life partner can be especially painful. April is Bereaved Spouses Month and in the spirit of the month, here are a few tips for supporting those who have lost a life partner or for those who have recently lost a spouse or life partner.

Do your best to be supportive to a friend or relative who recently lost a spouse: losing someone is always difficult but losing a life partner can be alienating and emotionally crippling at any age. Offer to bring over a meal or to simply offer your time and company. Respect that sometimes after a recent loss, some do not want company. Remember that spending time with someone doesn't always mean spending physical time together; sometimes a phone call or short text message is enough.

Consider taking a useful class together. Many times, after a spouse dies, there are gaps left in their loved one's life. Things like learning to cook for one or learning to cook at all, balancing checkbooks or simple housework can sometimes be bewildering to the recently bereaved. Taking a class on these topics can provide much needed social opportunities for the recently bereaved while also providing much needed life skills.

Encourage a hobby that can be done with friends or alone. These hobbies can be anything from painting to gardening or photography. Trying new things can help ease some of the pain of grief for some and learning a new skill can help the transition into a new potentially more independent phase of one's life.

Helping those that have lost a loved one or spouse can be a rewarding aspect of supporting someone's grief journey. This Bereaved Spouses Month, keep your heart open, your time flexible and your mind compassionate.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at [hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net](mailto:hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net)

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

by Ken Wilson, Pastor  
Westside Baptist Church

### Timber!

My dad always loved his yard. He took great pride in having what he considered to be one of the best looking yards in the neighborhood. Actually, he came by it honestly; my grandfather had quite the green thumb and enjoyed yard work greatly. My grandfather used words like "mulch" and "aerate" when he talked about his yard and his eyes would light up. My dad had been groomed to be an expert in the area of lawn maintenance and he definitely had not been a disappointment.

Dad spent many hours in the yard on Saturdays and on days off. There was grass to be cut, raked, fertilized, and/or watered. Shrubs had to be trimmed and azaleas had to be trenced around. Then there were things like herbicide and insecticide, which did God only knows what to weeds and bugs, that had to be spread or sprayed on plants and bushes. There was always something that could be done in the yard if there was time to spare.

Yard work was my father's way of unwinding from the stresses of practicing medicine. It was a chance to be by himself for a while, and he enjoyed the release. Being in the ministry and the father of four, I now understand full well what an escape yard work can be. When I was young, however, I tried to be scarce when Dad was working in the yard. Of course, that was just the way he wanted it, until I was old enough to push a lawnmower.

We had a pretty large corner lot in a wooded neighborhood so we had lots of grass and lots of trees. For a while my dad had a pretty good system going. My brother and I would weed-eat and cut the grass while my dad would supervise. For one person it was an all day project, but with two it could be done on a Saturday morning leaving, the afternoon free.

After my brother went to college my dad changed his strategy. We got two lawnmowers and he and I could cut at the same time, thus reducing the time. This worked well for a few years, but, as I got older and involved in more activities, Dad ended up doing more and more of the work himself. Once again, a strategy change was necessary. After much deliberation my father made a monumental decision. The time had come to buy a riding lawnmower.

My dad's buying a riding lawnmower was like the Beatles making a disco album. I never thought he would bring himself to break down and get one. I think he thought it was lazy to ride while you cut grass. Whatever the case, Dad had made his mind up and there was no stopping him. It was time!

I went with him to Sears to pick out his new mower. I figured I might be using it some and I wanted to see what we were getting. He looked rather unimpressed with some of the larger tractor style mowers that I liked. I wanted "power," not maneuverability. Dad, however, wanted something that would be easier to handle around all our trees, so he picked a smaller, less tractor-looking mower. It was more like a seat on top of a motor with a steering wheel and blade underneath.

I was a little afraid of what the neighbors might say about our strange looking riding lawnmower as they cut their yards atop their lawn tractors. Frankly, ours looked a little sissy. Dad liked it though, and that was what was important. He would be the one they saw on it most of the time anyway. Maybe I could use it at night.

My next-door neighbor John Pegues (his dad had a lawn tractor) and I were playing in the yard a few days later when the Sears truck pulled into the driveway. We watched as they unloaded the strange looking little red machine. I heard the sarcasm in John's voice as he said, "That thing sure looks different than my dad's." "Yea, well, we got more trees than y'all do," I said in a desperate attempt to save face, but I knew he was right.

My dad excitedly filled it up with gas and cranked it up. It was loud, which made me feel a little better. I don't know what might have been said if it had been quiet on top of odd looking. Dad hopped on and began to ride around the yard. It did maneuver well, no question about it. He dropped the blade and began to cut a little to see how it looked. He was pleased with the beautiful strip of cut grass that stretched out behind him. In fact, he was so pleased with what was behind him he forgot to look ahead of him. He ran right into one of our loblolly pine trees. Quickly jarred back into reality, he tried to remember how to stop this machine he was riding. As Dad frantically tried to get the mower out of gear, the front end began to inch up the trunk of the tree. John stared wide eyed as my dad's riding lawnmower came close to vertical while hearing my dad curse loudly as he tried to stop the runaway machine.

When Dad finally stopped the mower and got it out of the tree, I puffed my chest up proudly and said to John, "I bet your dad's lawnmower won't do that". John never made fun of my dad's mower again. Dad used that mower for several years after that, but he never spent much time looking behind him; he kept his eyes on where he was headed.

Jesus had a little to say about looking where we have been. "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62) In other words, our purpose as Christians should be in front of us. We can't do anything about what is behind, us whether it is good or bad. However, we have the power through Him to do something with the future.

## CHURCH & LIFESTYLES



Miss Hannah Hughes and Mr. Chance Johnson  
Hughes-Johnson wedding set for Saturday, April 29, in Troy

Brian and Pam Hughes of Arton, Alabama announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Hannah Hughes, to Chance Johnson, son of Glen and Kerry Johnson of Elba, Alabama.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Karen Milton and Jackie Milton of Arton and the late Don and Ann Hughes of Arton.

Hannah is a 2018 graduate of Arton High School. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Troy University in 2022. She is employed as a nurse in the NICU at Baptist

East Hospital in Montgomery, Ala.

The future groom is the grandson of Dwight and Karen Keese of Marianna, Florida and Nellie and the late JL Johnson of Elba.

Chance is a 2015 graduate of Elba High school. He received his Airframe license from Alabama Aviation College in 2022 and is employed at Ft Rucker as an aircraft mechanic.

The wedding will be Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 6 o'clock in the evening at Oak Acres in Troy, Alabama.

### Historical Marker unveiling set for Saturday, April 15, at New Providence Primitive Baptist Church & Rhoades Cemetery

The community is invited to attend the unveiling ceremony Saturday, April 15, of an Alabama Historical Marker for the New Providence Primitive Baptist Church and the Rhoades Cemetery.

This ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. in front of the New Providence Primitive Baptist Church, located in the Rhoades Community of

Coffee County on Alabama Highway 189 between Perry's Store and Kinston, Ala. Following the unveiling of the marker, all will be invited to tour the restored historical church.

### Victoria Baptist Church announces Sunday, May 7, Homecoming plans

Victoria Baptist Church, located at 54 County Rd. 210, Jack, Ala., will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, May 7, at 10:30 a.m.

Crews Wright, a talented young southern gospel singer, will share a special program of gospel music. Rev. Donnie Marler, a long-time former pastor, will deliver the Homecoming message.

### Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: A Song of Praise for the Lord's Faithfulness to His People. [Psalm 100: 1-5]

#### Thinking of You! Praying for You.

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#### May Birthdays / Anniversaries

Kendra Yvonne Culver 5/2  
Annie Jean Campbell Caldwell 5/2  
Jauan Starks 5/7  
Lizzie Pearl Wright 5/7  
Kristopher Whitehurst 5/7  
Ashley Walker 5/8  
Tiffiney Renee Kelley 5/9  
Gwendolyn Jones Berry 5/10  
Milt Belcher 5/10  
Todd Hooks 5/10  
James and Leslie Starks 5/15 W.A.  
Tierney Starks 5/16  
Beyounce Gray 5/16

#### Flee or Follow?

For nearly a decade I had the privilege of serving as Dean of Junior High Week as a church camp in Indiana. Bible classes, chapel services, and vespers were part of our daily routine. So was recreation. One of the most popular games the students played during this time was Capture the Flag. Groups of students were assigned territories and given colored armbands to identify their team. Each team received a flag and was instructed to place it in a protected area. Students on the opposing team were to sneak in and steal their opponents' flag

without being caught. The students whose task was to capture the flag spent a great deal of time fleeing from their opponents. If you got caught trying to capture a flag, you wound up in 'prison.' On the other hand, a group that found and captured its opponents' flag spend a great deal of time following, make sure the captured flag – and the student who carried it – arrived safely in their home territory. Winning was a matter of knowing when to flee and when to follow. Paul wanted Timothy to know when to flee and when to follow. Being a Christian and a leader required that Timothy turn away from greed and personal gain and pursue a life marked by godly characteristics. He was to live a life controlled by the Spirit.

Is something in your life keeping you from following Jesus. If so, identify it and pursue the qualities that lead to faithfulness and obedience. – S.M.

#### Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 4/13/23  
Multiple Choice

Q: What did God promise to put in/on the Temple? (His Name, His seal, His Blessing)

A: His Name [II Chronicles 6:20]

Q: After the resurrection, Peter decided to do what? (go fishing, hunt, sleep)

A: Go Fishing [John 21:3]

#### Thought to Remember

God calls us – We only need to follow His directions!

#### Questions for the Week of 4/20/23

Fill in the Blanks

Q: The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord filled the Temple of Solomon.

Q: Praying to the Lord, Solomon mentioned the name of his father \_\_\_\_\_.

Q: In answering the Israelites' prayer, the Lord promised to heal their \_\_\_\_\_.

Today is a good day! Be Grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

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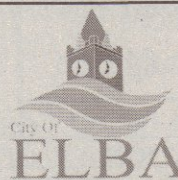
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#### STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE

NOTICE is hereby given that a bill substantially as follows will be introduced in the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama and application for its passage and enactment will be made:

#### A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

Relating to Coffee and Pike Counties and the Twelfth Judicial Circuit; to amend Section 45-16-82.27, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for fees related to the pretrial diversion program; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:**

Section 1. Section 45-16-82.27, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§45-16-82.27

(a) An applicant may be assessed a fee when the applicant is approved for the program. The amount of the assessment for participation in the program shall be in addition to any court costs and assessments for victims or drug, alcohol, or anger management treatment required by law, the district attorney, or the court, and are in addition to costs of supervision, treatment, and restitution for which the pretrial diversion admittee may be responsible. Pretrial diversion program fees as established by this subpart may be waived or reduced due to indigency or reduced ability to pay or for other just cause at the discretion of the district attorney. The determination of indigency of the offender, for the purpose of pretrial diversion admission, fee waiver, or reduction, shall be made by the district attorney. A schedule of payments for any of these fees may be established by the district attorney.

(b) The following fees shall be paid by applicants accepted into the pretrial diversion program:

- (1) Felony offenses: Up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000).
- (2) Driving Under the Influence offenses: Up to two thousand one hundred dollars (\$2,100).
- (3) Misdemeanor offenses, excluding traffic: Up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
- (4) Traffic offenses: Up to four hundred fifty dollars (\$450).
- (5) Violations: Up to three hundred fifty dollars (\$350).

(c) In cases where the applicant is not indigent, as determined by the district attorney, in felony cases, fifty dollars (\$50) of the fee, and in misdemeanor and violation cases, twenty-five dollars (\$25) of the fee, for each applicant accepted into the pretrial diversion program, shall be allocated to the Coffee County Circuit Clerk's Office, for offenses filed in Coffee County, and to the Pike County Circuit Clerk's Office, for offenses filed in Pike County. Money allocated to a circuit clerk pursuant to this subsection shall be available for use, at the clerk's discretion, to support the clerk's office operation. These uses may include, but are not limited to, hiring employees, buying needed equipment and supplies, or providing training opportunities.

(d) In cases where the applicant is not indigent, as determined by the district attorney, in felony cases, fifty dollars (\$50) of the fee, and in misdemeanor and violation cases, twenty-five dollars (\$25) of the fee, for each applicant accepted into the pretrial diversion program, shall be allocated to the Coffee County General Fund for offenses filed in Coffee County or to the Pike County General Fund for offenses

filed in Pike County.

(e) In cases where the applicant is not indigent, as determined by the district attorney, in felony cases, fifty dollars (\$50) of the fee, and in misdemeanor and violation cases twenty-five dollars (\$25) of the fee, for each applicant accepted into the pretrial diversion program, shall be allocated to the arresting or ticketing law enforcement agency making the case. Those fees may be used at the agency's discretion to support its operations. These uses may include, but are not limited to, hiring employees, buying needed equipment and supplies, providing training opportunities, or any other lawful purpose.

(f) Except as herein specifically allocated, the district attorney may use fees collected by the pretrial diversion program to fund the pretrial diversion program; for the prosecution of state criminal cases; to help support local and state law enforcement and coroners; for education programs which relate to the prosecution of, detection of, or prevention of crime; or, to benefit any agency or department of state, city, or county government which assists local law enforcement. This support shall be provided to help employ more prosecutors, law enforcement officers, investigators, or staff, buy needed equipment or supplies, provide training opportunities, or for any other prosecutorial or law enforcement purpose.

(g) Except for court costs, which are payable by the applicant directly to the clerk of court, fees required by this subpart shall be collected by the office of the District Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in the county and division in which the offense was filed. Those fees collected shall be deposited by the district attorney into the Pretrial Diversion Fund as described in Section 45-16-82.30. The district attorney shall timely make disbursement as provided in this subpart.

(h) The district attorney shall be allowed without further legislative action to raise fees to meet and equal those prescribed by the Alabama Legislature in the event a state pretrial diversion program is enacted after the passage of this subpart. Any state pretrial diversion program may supersede this subpart, but may be construed to require further and additional penalties."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first day of the third month following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law. 3/30, 4/6,13&20-chg.

#### NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION

Tim Kelley, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Alto Snell's Complaint for personal injuries as a result of a work-related incident which occurred at Dorsey Trailer, LLC in Elba, Alabama on February 02, 2019, within thirty (30) days from the date of the last publication, or a judgement by default may be rendered against him in Case No. CV-2021-900004, Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama. This notice shall be published once a week for four weeks.

Done the 22 day of March 2023.

/s/ Amy Reeves  
Clerk of Court

Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama

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IN THE MATTER OF  
MIRIAM B. DISMUKE,  
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
ELBA DIVISION  
CASE NO: PC-2023-018

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2023 by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2023.  
/s/ WENDI OAKES  
Personal Representative  
3/30,4/6&13-pd.

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ESTATE OF  
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PC 2023-022

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Polly Mautner, Personal Representative  
4-6/13/20-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
Elba Division

IN RE: The estate of  
MARGARETTE LEWIS,  
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CASE NO. PC 2023-013

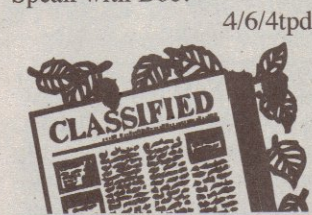
#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to STANLEY LEWIS, as administrator of the estate of Margarette Lewis, deceased on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023, by the Honorable Judge of Probate, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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To become a center participant, attendance is not based on income. This is a social place to come have fun and find or make new friends. If interested in joining the center stop by or call (334) 897-3019. The center is located at 304 N. Factory Ave. (across from the Elba Police Department).

Seniors age 60 and older that cannot

come to the center may qualify for meals being brought to their home.

For questions, call center director Donna Falls at (334) 897-3019.

Eggs & Issues -  
Breakfast with the Chamber  
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Elba First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
Cost is \$12 for breakfast.  
Call the Elba Chamber of Commerce  
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**MONTHLY BREAKFAST GATHERING...**Several members of the Elba High School Class of 1966 could be found Tuesday, April 11, at Juliette's Restaurant in Elba enjoying good food and fellowship for their monthly breakfast gathering. The group was short in numbers compared to other months, but all still had a quality time, according to those present. Those pictured are [from left, around the table]: Bobby Edmondson, Kenneth Baker, Lenore Anglin Tanner, Clevis Bowden Ammons, Jackey Tindol, Sara Warr Strong, Neal Hutto, Harry Young, and Eddie Thompson.

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NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS ACTION

Notice to: William Christopher Jackson father of E.B.P. (DOB 04/02/2021), and D.J.G. (DOB 10/06/2017), mother Shelia Paul, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Coffee County Department of Human Resources' petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed the 17th day of January, 2023, (set for hearing on the 8th day of June, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., Coffee County Courthouse, Elba, Alabama) and other relief by the 27th day of May 2023, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against him in Case No. 19 JU 2021-56.03 and 19 JU 2021-57.03, in the Juvenile Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division.

Done this, the 31st day of March, 2023.

Hon. Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Circuit  
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Enterprise, Alabama, will be received by the County Commission Office at 1065 E. McKinnon St., New Brockton, AL, 36351, until 10:00 a.m. on the date of the bid in the Commission Office. Final bids must be received before the deadline at 10:00 a.m., May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Community Room of the County Commission Office at 1065 E. McKinnon St., New Brockton, AL, 36351. Project prime phase I work consists of three (3) individual contracts as follows:

1. Building Contract a. All concrete site paving with testing, curb and gutter, walkways, flat-work and associated grading/fill/compaction. All exterior siding (brick and metal).

b. PEMB systems and erections with exterior insulation (roof and walls) – see alternates for optional insulation. Standing seam metal roof with gutter, downspouts, required trim and flashing. Monument sign structure.

2. Plumbing & Electrical Contract a. Plumbing – rough and final plumbing – material, fixtures, and all miscellaneous accessories.

b. Electrical – interior and exterior power and lighting. Rough-in for fire-protection, security, access control, CCTV, and data. Power to gate operator and monument sign.

3. HVAC Contract a. Equipment, duct-work, controls, T&B.

(Note – All contracts to be individually permitted and bonded)

(Note – All phase II future work to be advertised and bid separately at a time to be determined)

The project work consists of "A new joint facility for SBI-ABC," located at 119 Commerce Drive, Enterprise, Alabama 36330, as indicated in the project documents, include partial civil work to be coordinated with the County Engineering Department thereafter a full ground up completed facility. County will act as Construction-Project Manager (CPM). All work schedules will be coordinated by the designated representative. The Plans, Specifications, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following: Coffee County Commission Rod Morgan 2 County Complex New Brockton, AL 36351 (334) 894-5556

Bid Documents & Plans be obtained from G. Mark Pepe Architect, 307 W. Adams St, Dothan, AL 36303. Call 334-712-9721. Bidding Documents for all interested bidders may be obtained upon payment of a deposit of \$200.00 per set. The deposit will be refunded in full to each prime contractor upon return of the documents in reusable condition within 10 days after bid opening. For non-prime contractors, the deposit shall be refunded less \$50.00 to cover the cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution, upon return of the documents in reusable condition within 10 days after bid opening. No partial sets will be sold. The owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids. Prime bidders will be required to attend a mandatory Pre-Bid Conference on Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 2:00 p.m., at the project site: 119 Commerce Drive, Enterprise, Alabama 36330. Only proposals from bidders with registered attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference will be accepted. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. No bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Bids will be received only from Qualified Contractors duly licensed by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors and meeting the qualifications indicated in the Project Documents.

**Dean Smith**  
**CHAIRMAN**  
4/6,13,20-chg

**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**ELBA DIVISION**

In the Matter of the Estate of Robbie Ruth Hudson, Deceased

Case No. PC-2023-009

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Keith R. Hudson, Executor, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023

by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. DONE this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson,  
Jodee R. Thompson  
Probate Judge  
4/6,13,20-pd

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MCKEE PROJECT NO: 22-227A

Sealed proposals as described above shall be received by Mrs. Kelly Cobb, Superintendent at the Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road Elba, AL 36323, Ph: 334-897-5016, until 2:00 PM Central Time, Thursday, April 13, 2023, then opened and read aloud. A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid walk through shall occur on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 @ 9:00 AM Central Time starting at the principal's office at Zion Chapel High School, then proceeding to the other sites. All General Contractors bidding these projects shall be required to visit the site and examine all existing conditions prior to submitting their proposal. All Bidders shall have general liability and workman's compensation insurance. The projects shall be bid excluding taxes. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. No bid may be withdrawn after scheduled closing for receipt of bids for a period of ninety (90) days. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owners judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted. A certified check or Bid Bond payable to the Coffee County Schools in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000.00 must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and statutory labor and material payment bonds will be required at the signing of the Contract.

All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect. All bidders shall show such evidence by clearly displaying current license number on the outside of sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered. PDFs of the project can be reviewed by going to the

McKee website @ [www.mckeeassoc.com](http://www.mckeeassoc.com) and selecting "Project Bid List". Also, if you are not receiving NOTIFICATIONS from us, please register on our website, "Project Bid List" by selecting manage your bid list profile. The documents may be viewed online and printed by General Contractors, SubContractors and Suppliers. Documents published through this procedure are the only documents endorsed by the Architect. The Architect is unable to monitor, confirm and maintain other websites that provide documents. Addendums will be provided to entities that have CONFIRMED bidding for this particular project. The Architect retains ownership and copyrights of the documents. If bidders require printed sets, the following shall apply: Submit to the Architect at [mckeeplans@gmail.com](mailto:mckeeplans@gmail.com) the company's name, first & last name, phone number, address, project name & number along with a deposit of \$125.00 per set. The deposit shall be refunded for each set returned in reusable condition within ten days after bid opening.

All RFIs and RFAs regarding the bid documents shall be sent and addressed through emails found on the RFI and RFA forms in the project manual. NOTE: ONLY THE RFI AND RFA FORMS IN THE PROJECT MANUAL WILL BE ACCEPTED. The Architect will not accept inquiries via telephone or fax. Completion Time: See scope of work in Project Manual. Supervision: Contractor to ensure proper supervision for all work. Owner: Mrs. Kelly Cobb, Superintendent, Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road Elba, AL 36323, Phone: 334-897-5016 Architect: McKee and Associates Architects, Inc., 631 South Hull Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104, Phone: 334-834-9933 3/30-4/6,13-chg

**NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS ACTION**  
Notice to: unknown father of S.B. (DOB 06/13/2007), and C.B. (DOB 01/31/2014), mother Marissa Baldwin, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Coffee County Department of Human Resources' petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed the 7th day of February, 2023, (set for hearing on the 7th day of July, 2023 at 19:00 a.m., Coffee County Courthouse, Elba, Alabama) and other relief by the 3rd day of June 2023, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against him in Case No. 19 JU 2021-135.02 and 19 JU 2021-138.02, in the Juvenile Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division.

Done this, the 4th day of April, 2023.

Hon. Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Circuit  
230 P Court Avenue

Elba, Alabama 36323  
Juvenile Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division  
(334) 897-2954

David M. White  
Attorney for CCDHR  
P.O. Box 311412  
Enterprise, Alabama 36331  
(334) 393-6439  
4-13,20,27-chg

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that Covington Contracting, Inc., Contractor, has completed the Contract for Construction of New ADA Ramp for Kinston High School and Zion Chapel High School for the Coffee County Board of Education, Elba, AL, at Kinston High School and Zion Chapel High School for the State of Alabama and Coffee County Owner(s) and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should, immediately, notify McKee, and Associates Architects, Inc., 631 South Hull Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104. Covington Contracting, Inc. 400 Christy Lane Andalusia, AL 36420 4-13,20,27 & 5,1-chg

**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**ELBA DIVISION**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOHN LAMAR STEWART Deceased  
CASE NO: PC 2022-078-A

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOHN LAMAR STEWART Deceased  
CASE NO: PC 2022-078-B

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOHN LAMAR STEWART Deceased  
CASE NO: PC 2022-078-C

**NOTICE**  
Letters of Administration on the estate of said deceased, JOHN LAMAR STEWART, having been granted to ELAINE OGLESBY HOGAN and/or CURTIS TERRY OGLESBY, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Hon. M Dale Marsh  
Attorney for the Petitioner  
203 E. Lee Street  
Enterprise, AL 36330

Hon. Charles Matthew Brunson  
Attorney for the Petitioner  
P. O. Box 358  
Elba, Alabama 36323

DONE this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
HON. JODEE R. THOMPSON  
Probate Judge  
Coffee County, Alabama  
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## SPORTS NEWS

## Views From

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We headed out late Saturday afternoon to visit our grandsons and hide Easter eggs across their yards, and while we weren't there Sunday morning to watch them find the hidden presents, I am sure they both had fun opening the eggs and discovering the treasures inside. Since they already have my heart, the extra small presents are just an example of even more love.

## For what it is worth....

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers took out a season of frustrations on Houston County last week as they swept the Lions to win their first area series of the year. The Tigers made it simple for the book keeper as they handed the ball to Collin Arnold in the first game and to Ty Sieving in the nightcap, and both pitchers came through with complete game performances to lead the Tigers to the wins. All post-season plans have already been dashed due to early-season struggles, but look for the Tigers to close with a flurry and hand some more W's on the wall very soon before they close the book on the season.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers finally got back on the field after a three-week absence and let both the varsity and junior varsity get back to work in a home game against Pike County. The final score made no difference to anyone on the Elba staff, as they used the game to simply get back on the field and hopefully rediscover the fundamentals of the sport after the long, unexpected break. The Elba girls still have a lot of games to play and my guess is they will bounce back and get more than their share of wins.

\*\*\* It was another busy week for teams in the area in both baseball and softball, and with both sports heading toward the post-season, the playoff picture has become clearer. On the baseball field, the Kinston Bulldogs, New Brockton Gamecocks and Brantley Bulldogs have already clinched playoff berths and are should make some noise the weeks to come, while over on the softball field all the teams advance to area tournaments, but it looks like Kinston, Brantley and possibly Zion Chapel look like probable hosts. The spring seasons are winding down, but there are still plenty of days left to get outside and cheer for your favorite teams.

\*\*\* The Major League Baseball season is underway and even though I only get to watch the Braves play on highlight reels the day after their games, they are off to a fast start despite some injuries on the pitching staff and look like a contender once again to make the World Series. The Braves have dominated the National League East for several years and there are no signs they are going to stop being the team to beat anytime soon. Now, if I could find a way to watch them play without having to break the bank and sign up for an expensive internet package.

\*\*\* In closing.... It looks like the NIL market has hit college basketball as it has become a daily search to find out who is in the portal and where they are headed. One team that can use the new found source of talent is Alabama. The Crimson Tide have been totally decimated, and may have to put an entire new team on the court next season since three players are out of eligibility, three more are in the portal and four have declared for the NBA. Add to that the fact three assistant coaches have left to become head coaches at other schools, and it is easy to see this past season was indeed 'high tide' for Bama basketball. As for Auburn, Coach Bruce Pearl will also have to restock the shelves on the plains, but Pearl is one of the top recruiters in the nation, regardless of sport, and will no doubt have the Tigers ready to go when the time comes. In the days of NIL even the biggest fans need rosters.

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

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## Win area series

## Elba Tigers sweep Houston County

Statistics by  
GAMECHANGER

The Elba Tigers hosted the Houston County Lions Thursday night in an area double-header and gave the hometown fans plenty to cheer about as they rolled to an 11-7, 10-0 sweep.

## Elba 11 Houston County 7

In the 11-7 opening win, the Tigers scored seven runs in the bottom of the second inning to erase a 5-2 deficit and held on to claim an exciting 11-7 win. Houston County rallied and pulled within 10-7 in the fourth, but the Tigers never allowed the Lions to get any closer as they combined 9 hits and 10 walks to post the big win.

Cameron Gray had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Elba at the plate, while Brady Johnson added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; Kaleb Mitchell added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; Collin Arnold added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Brayden Johnson added 1 hit and scored 2 runs.

Collin Arnold pitched a complete game and allowed four earned runs on 9 hits and 3 walks, while striking out five.

## Elba 10 Houston County 0

Elba's Ty Sieving grabbed the spotlight both on the mound and at the batter's box as he pitched a six inning 1-hit shutout and banded out 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Tigers to a 10-0 area win over Houston County. Elba owned a slim 2-0 lead after three innings, but broke loose late to complete the double-header sweep.

Kaleb Mitchell had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had



Elba Tiger Ty Sieving (5) fired a complete game one-hit shutout last week to lead the Tigers to a 10-0 area win over Houston County.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

2 rbi's to help the Tigers offensive explosion, while JT Coleman added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; Brady Johnson added 1 hit and

2 rbi's; Easton McKelvy added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Cameron Gray and Collin Arnold both added 1 hit

and scored 1 run. Ty Sieving pitched six innings and allowed no earned runs on one hit, with seven strikeouts.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL - SOFTBALL SCHEDULES

## Thursday, April 13

(Baseball)

Pleasant Home at Elba (DH)

New Brockton at Opp

Kinston at Florala (DH)

Brantley at McKenzie (Softball)

New Brockton at Pike County

Zion Chapel at Pike Lib

Brantley vs. Enterprise, at Dothan

Brantley vs. Providence Ch., at Dothan

## Friday, April 14

(Baseball)

Opp at New Brockton (DH)

McKenzie at Brantley (DH)

(Softball)

Ponce de Leon at Kinston

## Monday, April 17

(Baseball)

Elba at Wicksburg

Pleasant Home at New Brockton

Zion Chapel at Kinston

Greenville at Brantley (Softball)

Florala at Elba (DH)

Zion Chapel at Kinston

## Tuesday, April 18

(Softball)

Elba at Pike Lib

New Brockton at Straughn

Kinston at Houston County

## Wednesday, April 19

(Softball)

Elba at Houston County

Luverne at Brantley

## Thursday, April 20

(Softball)

Kinston at Zion Chapel

Support your favorite teams!



Elba Lady Tiger golfers (l-r) Hillary Hudson, Mary Brooklyn O'Neal, Payton Parks, Coach Leigh Wicker, Taylor Day and Kayden Moseley.

## Lady Tiger golfers win dual match

The Elba Lady Tiger golf team closed out the regular season schedule last week and found the friendly Elba Country Club course to their liking as they claimed a dual match win over Pleasant Home.

Mary Brooklyn O'Neal was the medalist for the 18-hole event with a 107, while Lady Tigers Hillary Hudson fired a 113 and Taylor Day fired a 118 to give the team a 338 stroke total. Other Elba golfers competing were Payton Parks (123) and Kayden

Moseley (125).

Pleasant Home, which

had a team total of 354,

was led by Rebecca

Guilford (110), Bailey

Johnson (115), Brylie

Griffin (129) and Ivy

Youngblood (131).

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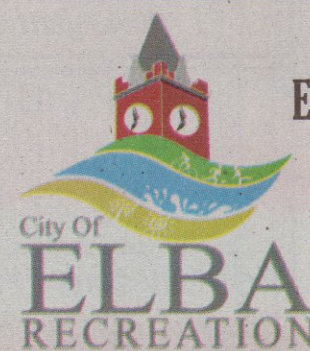
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## SPORTS NEWS

## High School Scoreboard

Statistics from **GAMECHANGER**

## Baseball

**G.W. Long 8 New Brockton 5** – The New Brockton Gamecocks fell behind 8-1 early and saw a late rally fall short in an 8-5 loss to G.W. Long. Jaxon Whitworth had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's to lead New Brockton, while Payton Green added 1 hit and 2 rbi's, and Kyle GaVette added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Four Gamecock pitchers combined to toss six innings and allowed seven earned runs on nine hits and five walks, while striking out four.

**Charles Henderson 5 Kinston 3** – The Kinston Bulldogs saw an early 3-0 lead slip away in a 5-3 loss to Charles Henderson. Owen Patterson had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Kinston, while CJ Lunsford added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Marcus Free and Reese Hall both added 1 hit. Cale Sumblin, Cade Jones and Drew Branch combined to pitch seven innings and allowed three earned runs on six hits and four walks, while striking out six.

**Brantley 9 Georgiana 0** – The Brantley Bulldogs scored nine runs in the first inning to take command and coasted in with a 9-0 win over Georgiana. Jackson Mitchell, Cooper Layton and Thomas Whitehurst all had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Brantley, while all nine Bulldog starters scored one run. Kaleb Weed pitched an three inning no-hitter with five strikeouts.

**Brantley 11 Georgiana 0** – The Brantley Bulldogs scored 11 runs in the first inning and rolled to a big 11-0 win over Georgiana. Jon Bush had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Cooper Layton added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, JR Fisher added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's. Jayden Parks and Jon Bush combined to pitch a three inning no-hitter with five strikeouts.

**New Brockton 20 Pike County 3** – The New Brockton Gamecocks combined 10 hits with 15 walks to coast to a lopsided 20-3 area win over Pike County. Jackson Lawson had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 4 rbi's to lead New Brockton at the plate, while Jaxon Whitworth added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Dawson Peacock added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Riley Simmons added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Jaxon Whitworth, Payton Green, Hunter White and Hunter Bedsole combined to pitch five innings and allowed two earned runs on five hits and three walks, while striking out 12.

**Ariton 12 Zion Chapel 1** – The Zion Chapel Rebels fell behind 8-0 in the second inning and never caught up in a 12-1 loss to Ariton. Brodie Stinson had 2 hits and 1 rbi to lead Zion Chapel, while John Foster Hamm and Brady Flowers combined to pitch seven innings and allowed seven earned runs on nine hits and eight walks.

**Opp 16 Kinston 2** – The Kinston Bulldogs saw an early lead vanish quickly in a 16-2 loss to Opp. Owen Patterson had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Kinston, while Colby Tew added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Cade Jones added 1 hit. Cale Sumblin, Cade Jones and Drew Branch combined to pitch four innings and allowed 10 earned runs on seven hits and nine walks.

**New Brockton 21 Pike County 6** – The New Brockton Gamecocks wrapped up a playoff berth with a 21-6 area win over Pike County. Riley Simmons had 2 hits, scored 4 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead New Brockton, while Baylon Foster added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; Gabe Herrington added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; and, Payton Green and Dawson Peacock both added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi. Dalton Holloway, Riley Simmons, Josh Gutierrez and Jacob Fisher combined to pitch six innings, allowed four earned runs on five hits and seven walks, and struck out 11.

**Ariton 14 Zion Chapel 1** – The Zion Chapel Rebels fell behind 10-0 in the second inning and never challenged in a 14-1 loss to Ariton. Wes Braisted had 2 hits to lead Zion Chapel, while Morgan Sanders added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Wes Braisted and Mason Stuart combined to pitch four innings and allowed 14 earned runs on 12 hits and 10 walks.

**Straughn 10 Brantley 1** – The Brantley Bulldogs fell behind early and never caught up in a 10-1 loss to Straughn. Jon Bush scored the lone Bulldog run in the loss, while Cooper Layton, Kendrick Welch and Reese Odom combined to pitch seven innings and allowed seven earned runs on 11 hits and two walks.

**Brantley 9 Straughn 2** – The Brantley Bulldogs jumped out to an early 6-0 lead and never looked back to defeat Straughn 9-2. Cooper Layton had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Kaleb Weed added 2 hits, including a triple, scored 2 runs and had 4 rbi's; Jon Bush added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Jayden Parks scored 2 runs. Jayden Parks and Jordan Parks combined to pitch seven innings and allowed two earned

runs on six hits and three walks, while striking out eight.

## Softball

**Brantley 11 McKenzie 0** – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs scored seven runs in the fourth inning to pull away in an 11-0 area win over McKenzie. Campbell Hawthorne had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Brantley, while Lindsey Wells added 2 hits and scored 1 run, and AC Free and Alex Grimes both added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. AC Free and Alex Grimes combined to pitch a five inning no-hitter with 10 strikeouts.

**Brantley 18 McKenzie 1** – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs scored 14 runs in the first inning to take command and coasted in with an 18-1 area win over McKenzie. Alex Grimes had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Kaylee Navarre added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Campbell Hawthorne added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Marley Kilcrease added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. AC Free and Kaylee Navarre combined to pitch a three inning one-hitter with eight strikeouts.

**Kinston 15 Florala 0** – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs remained atop the area standings with a big 15-0 win over Florala. Cadence Elmore had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 5 rbi's to lead Kinston, while Lauren Norris added 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 4 rbi's; Aubrie Brown added 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Brynne Kelley added 3 hits and scored 3 runs; and, Cameran Whigham added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 4 rbi's. Lilli Sumblin and Lauren Norris combined to pitch a four inning no-hitter with 10 strikeouts.

**Zion Chapel 12 Highland Home 2** – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels used a nine-run fifth inning to take command in a 12-2 win over Highland Home. Riley Bannin had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 4 rbi's to lead Zion Chapel, while Kaylee Hodge added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Amber Kidd added 2 hits. Riley Bannin pitched five innings and allowed one earned run on three hits and eight strikeouts.

**Opp 10 New Brockton 0** – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks managed only one hit in a 10-0 area loss to Opp. Kirstyn Ramirez had the lone New Brockton hit, while Kallie Qualls, Kennedy Hussey and Gabby Eubanks combined to pitch five innings and allowed three earned runs on eight hits and two walks, while striking out three. Brantley 5 Ashford 0 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and pulled away late to post a 5-0 win over Ashford. Coco Stamps had 2 hits to lead Brantley, while Alex Grimes added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Kaitlyn Piggott added 1 hit. Kaylee Navarre scored 2 runs on offense and pitched a complete game one-hit shutout with 16 strikeouts.

**Zion Chapel 14 Goshen 2** – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels pounded out 17 hits in an impressive 14-2 win over Goshen. Madison Meeks had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead Zion Chapel at the plate, while Kaylee Hodge added 3 hits and scored 3 runs, Amber Kidd added 3 hits and 2 rbi's, Sydney Boothe added 3 hits and 1 rbi, and Riley Bannin added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's. Sydney Boothe and Yaya Velazquez combined to pitch five innings and allowed one earned run two hits and six walks.

**Mobile Christian 5 Brantley 1** – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs managed only two hits and committed three costly errors in a 5-1 tournament loss to Mobile Christian. Alex Grimes and Kaitlyn Piggott both had 1 hit to lead Brantley at the plate, while Campbell Hawthorne scored one run. Kaylee Navarre and AC Free combined to pitch six innings and allowed no earned runs on three hits and four walks.

**Brantley 8 Gulf Shores 5** – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs' AC Free ripped a bases-loaded triple with one out in the bottom of the fourth inning in a wild 8-5 tournament win over Gulf Shores. AC Free had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 5 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Emma Crawley added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Campbell Hawthorne and Kaitlyn Piggott both added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. AC Free and Kaylee Navarre combined to pitch four innings and allowed four earned runs on five hits and six walks, while striking out five.

**Dale County 6 Zion Chapel 2** – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fell behind 6-0 in the first inning and never caught up in a 6-2 tournament loss to Dale County. Madison Meeks had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Zion Chapel, while Sydney Boothe added 1 hit and 1 run, and Amber Kidd added 1 hit. Sydney Boothe pitched five innings and allowed four earned runs on six hits and three walks, while striking out four.

**Charles Henderson 4 Zion Chapel 1** – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels managed only one hit in a 4-1 tournament loss to Charles Henderson. Shea Wambles had the lone Zion Chapel hit, while Madison Meeks walked and scored the lone Lady Rebels run. Riley Bannin pitched six innings and allowed four earned runs on four hits, while striking out five.

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**KINSTON BULLDOG** coaches (seated, l-r) Rudy Free, Tyler Simmons, (standing) Marty Marler watch as the Bulldogs win area game.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



**Brantley Lady Bulldog** coach Cindy Hawthorne talks to players during recent softball action.

(Photo by Cody Nichols)



**Avery Padgett, Taylor Renfro, and Ethan Young** show off the five fish that help vault the ZCBT to a fourth place finish in the Saturday, April 1, tournament on Lay Lake.

## Team Padgett/Young finishes fourth at recent tournament on Lay Lake

Before reporting on the most recent Zion Chapel High School Bass Trail Bass Team tournament, it seems more important that this team be congratulated from an academic standpoint.

On Friday, April 7, the administration of Zion Chapel High School recognized the Class of 2023 Scholar Graduates, Academic Top 10, Salutatorian, and Valedictorian. Avery Padgett was recognized among the Top 10 Academic and Scholar Graduates, and Ethan Young was recognized among the Top 24 scholar graduates. This speaks volumes about these two young men as they have been able to maintain excellent grades in the classroom while competing as young anglers.

Well, the ZCBT faced another weather delay Saturday, April 1. Although it was April 1, it was not an April Fool's joke, according to the anglers. Back-to-back tournaments have been plagued with First Alert Weather issues.

Practice day, Friday, March 31, was very windy, and the wind continued during the night along with heavy rains which created the blastoff delay. However, the safety of the anglers is always more important than an early blastoff.

Lay Lake, Clanton, Ala., was the site of this tourna-

ment on the East Alabama High School Bass Trail. According to Avery Padgett, it was not the finish he and Ethan Young were hoping for after their windy but successful practice day, but they chalked up another top five finish. They came in fourth place with 13.17 pounds.

The team was appreciative of Taylor Renfro's riding out the storm and going with them as their captain. Padgett said it had been a great year, and they hope to keep the train rolling into the State and National Championships this summer.

The ZCBT is currently seeking donations to help defray their expenses for the State and National Championship tournaments. Several people have contributed already, and they are thankful for the support and encouragement they have received during their four years of tournament fishing.

If anyone would like to donate, the coach, Dana Haley, may be contacted at 334-406-0498 or Larry Campbell, assistant coach, may be contacted at 334-465-9847.

The ZCBT will be fishing their final tournament on the Alabama BASS Nation Tiger Division Trail May 6, 2023, on the Tensaw River/Delta, Stockton Alabama.

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